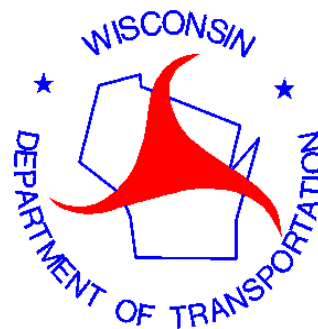


Public Information Meetings for

USH 41

Oconto - Peshtigo



Oconto & Marinette Counties

Tuesday, October 29, 2002

4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Peshtigo High School Gymnasium

380 Green Street

Peshtigo, Wisconsin

Wednesday, October 30, 2002

4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Oconto Elementary School Gymnasium

810 Scherer Ave

Oconto, Wisconsin

Welcome to tonight's US 41 public informational meeting. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will discuss the proposed improvements to US 41 from Frog Pond Road in Oconto County to a point approximately 1.0 mile northeast of Schacht Road in Marinette County. WisDOT personnel will be available to discuss the project on an individual basis to answer questions and obtain your comments regarding the proposed improvements.

This project will construct a 4-lane, median-divided freeway at a near west bypass of Oconto with interchange access only; convert the existing 2-lane roadway to a 4-lane, median-divided expressway with limited access locations from Oconto to Peshtigo; and construct a 4-lane, median divided freeway at a southern bypass of Peshtigo with interchange access only. Additional right-of-way will be acquired throughout the project limits.

The project length is 21 miles and has an estimated project cost of \$132 million (\$107.6 million construction cost; \$24.4 million real estate cost). As currently funded, construction is scheduled for the years 2007 through 2009. The work will begin with improving the section between Oconto and Peshtigo from two to

four lanes, and followed with the construction of the Oconto and Peshtigo bypasses. Right-of-way acquisition for the project is anticipated to begin around July 2005.

The displays presented at tonight's meeting represent the Department's alignment and roadway access proposals for the USH 41 project. Two duplicate wall displays are provided for your review. The following design concepts are proposed and are shown on the display:

- The proposed US 41 bypasses of Oconto and Peshtigo will be constructed to 4-lane, median-divided freeway standards, which means there will be no at-grade driveway or crossroad access to the new highway. Access at the bypass locations will be provided via interchanges only, and crossroads that are not removed will require grade separations.
- Proposed US 41 between Oconto and Peshtigo will be constructed to 4-lane, median-divided expressway standards, which means intersections that are not removed will have access to the proposed highway via at-grade intersections. Driveway access to US 41 will be minimized but allowed.

Oconto Bypass

- The proposed near west bypass of the City of Oconto will provide three interchange locations for access to proposed US 41:
 - ◇ Starting at the south end of Oconto, the first of these will be a half interchange near the south entrance of the city which will provide southbound ramp access out of the city and northbound ramp access into the city.
 - ◇ The second is a full interchange at Wis 22 which will provide both northbound and southbound ramp access into and out of the city. (Ramps will intersect Wis 22 as part of a roundabout. The purpose of the roundabout is to accommodate the industrial truck traffic of a fifth intersecting roadway, Van Hecke Avenue.)
 - ◇ The third is a half interchange located north of the city near County S, which will provide northbound ramp access out of the city and southbound ramp access into the city.

- The following roadways in Oconto that will be crossed with the proposed US 41 bypass will have their traffic maintained via grade separations:
 - ◊ McDonald Street
 - ◊ Wis 22
 - ◊ South Range Line Road
- Some of the roadways in Oconto that will be crossed with the proposed USH 41 bypass will be closed with a cul-de-sac. These roadways will still have reasonable access to the highway via an alternative route and are listed as follows:
 - ◊ Mill Street
 - ◊ Mott Street
 - ◊ Van Hecke Avenue

Oconto to Peshtigo

- At-grade intersections are proposed at most US 41 crossroads between Oconto and Peshtigo. The intersections will be widened and straightened to improve visibility and safety at US 41. Some existing at-grade intersections with US 41 between Oconto and Peshtigo will be eliminated by constructing cul-de-sacs. These intersections are being eliminated to reduce the number of conflict points along the proposed higher speed facility and improve safety. The crossroads receiving these cul-de-sacs will still have reasonable access to the highway via an alternative route and are listed as follows:
 - ◊ Old 15 Road
 - ◊ Tower Road (to the West)
 - ◊ Old 41 Road (both sides)
 - ◊ Reif Road
- Town Hall Road will not have direct access to proposed US 41, but will still be connected to existing US 41 which will serve as a service road. This road will still connect to County M, and County M will access the proposed US 41 via an at-grade intersection.
- East County Line Road and Wilcox Lane will no longer have access on the east side of US 41, but will be connected to one another.

Peshtigo Bypass

- The proposed southern bypass of the City of Peshtigo will provide two interchange locations for access to proposed USH 41:
 - ◊ The first of these will be a full interchange near the west end of the city at County Y, which will provide both northbound and southbound ramp access into and out of the city.
 - ◊ The second will also be a full interchange just east of the city, which will provide both northbound and southbound ramp access into and out of the city.
- The following roadways in Peshtigo that will be crossed with the proposed US 41 bypass will have their traffic maintained via grade separations:
 - ◊ County Y (with a modified alignment)
 - ◊ Hale Road
 - ◊ County B
 - ◊ Schacht Road
- Some of the roadways in Peshtigo that will be crossed with the proposed US 41 bypass will be closed with a cul-de-sac. These roadways will still have reasonable access to the highway via an alternative route and are listed as follows:
 - ◊ Cedar Road
 - ◊ Dolan Avenue
 - ◊ Old Peshtigo Road
- Townline Road will be realigned to intersect the newly proposed County Y alignment. Access to the highway will be available at the proposed interchange at County Y.
- The proposed US 41 bypass south of Peshtigo will overpass the railroad at two locations. One location is just west of Hale Road, and the other location is just east of Schacht Road.

Proposed building acquisition is depicted on the large roll display with the following legend:

- Buildings shaded brown are proposed to be acquired with this project
- Buildings shaded purple may require acquisition with this project but cannot be determined at this time. Further study is required.

Specific new right-of-way needs are not included on tonight's display. The right-of-way needs will be determined and available for review and discussion for a future public meeting, tentatively planned for next year. Individual driveway and median crossover issues will be addressed at the future meeting as well.

The last sheet of this handout is a comment form for your use. We welcome your comments and encourage you to provide us with any thoughts or concerns you may have. The comment form may be completed tonight and dropped in the comment box or you may mail it as instructed on the comment form.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation thanks you in advance for your comments and questions. Your input will aid us in our decision making process toward the plan development and construction of the US 41 improvement from Oconto to Peshtigo.

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